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A graphic featuring the Indiana state flag with yellow stars on a blue background. In the foreground, there is a silver capitol dome. The text "Indiana" is written in a stylized font across the flag.

Dear Friends,

This summer has been a challenging time for taxpayers dealing with the broken property tax system and trying to make sense out of large property tax increases.

This past session House Republicans fought hard for meaningful reform that would have saved tax-payers dollars. House Democrats instead passed an ill-conceived property tax rebate that taxpayers probably won't receive until next year after this year's taxes have already been paid.

This summer I announced my support for a 5-step plan to provide an additional \$200 million in immediate temporary property tax relief to deal with the current property tax crisis until a permanent property tax plan can be enacted. The coming session of the General Assembly presents a unique opportunity to enact a major property tax cut plan, like nothing Hoosiers have seen for more than 35 years. The time for talk is over. I will work hard to bring leaders from both parties together to enact permanent, lasting and substantial cuts to your property tax bill in 2008.

Sincerely yours,

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A portrait of Brian Bosma, a man in a dark suit and red tie, smiling. The background is a blue Indiana state flag with yellow stars and the word "INDIANA" written across it.

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Representative Bosma calls for \$200 million in property tax relief

1

Immediate Property Tax Credit

In 2007, House Democrats failed to control rising property taxes by passing a property tax rebate that homeowners will probably not receive until next year after taxpayers have paid their bills. It is time to end the political games and work together to reform our property tax system.

2

Homestead Credit Extension

Homeowners should be able to receive a homestead credit on their property tax when they apply for one and not have to wait months for it to take effect. This proposal would extend the filing deadline of the homestead credit and make receipt of future homestead credits automatic.

3

Limit Local Property Tax Increase

Local officials should be held accountable for property tax increases that are driven by local spending.

4

End Unfunded State Mandates

Currently, local property taxpayers are paying to fund state programs like child welfare. Local governments and property taxpayers should not be responsible for paying for programs that are required by the state and administered by state employees.

5

Eliminate Residential Property Taxes

It is time for the state to take a hard look at eliminating all residential property taxes. Eliminating residential property taxes is a first step in the process of completely reforming the property tax system in Indiana.



IMPORTANT DATES FOR UPCOMING CITY ELECTIONS

October 29, 2007

Deadline for absentee-by-mail applications to be received for the Municipal Election

November 6, 2007

Election Day

If you have any questions call the Hamilton County Clerk's office at 317-776-9632 or the Marion County Clerk's office at 317-327-4740
Don't forget to bring your photo ID.

★ 2008 ★

Legislative Priorities

Get Tough On Crime

Hoosiers deserve a safe and secure environment in which to live, work, and raise a family. We must require felons to serve at least 85% of their sentence, increase penalties for cop killers, require federal background checks on those working in the classroom, and protect all Hoosiers from violent offenders and drug dealers.

Illegal Immigration Reform

Illegal immigrants should not fraudulently receive welfare or other benefits funded by our tax dollars. Providing government services to illegal immigrants sets a bad example and only increases the number of illegal aliens who flood across our borders every day. The rise of illegal immigration causes insurance and health care costs to skyrocket and adds to increased violence in our cities. We should not reward people whose first act in our country is to break our laws.

Government Reform

Government is growing, and we need a renewed effort to reduce the size of government at all levels in order to increase efficiency as much as possible. Indiana has the highest number of separately elected county officials in the country. This costs taxpayers more, but it does not necessarily provide better services. Now is the time to reduce government size throughout Indiana, eliminating the duplication of services, slashing bureaucratic overhead, and saving taxpayer dollars.